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Subject: Statement in support of the Juneau - Lynn Canal - Skagway/Haines highway.

DOT - The proposed Lynn Canal highway from Juneau to Haines/Skogway is long-overdue in providing a road link to Alaska's Capital City - Juneau, Alaska.

In addition to the earlier comments I have submitted, this highway would significantly reduce government expenditures on the Marine Highway system, but would also reduce expenses of individuals and families who travelled to/from Juneau and Haines/Skogway.

This Lynn Canal Highway would also provide an additional route of travel in the event of a natural disaster or in the event of another terrorist attack that grounded commercial air traffic.

The project would also provide increased opportunities for commercial and recreational use greatly improving the economy and the quality of life in all Southeast Alaska communities.

Finally, the highway could open more of Southeast Alaska for access and recreation by everyone - including the handicapped and seniors that may have mobility problems.

The Lynn Canal project should be given a high priority of funding - so that project planning and construction could begin in Calendar Year 2008.

Thank you.

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